

Formula for Disaster

METHAMPHETAMINE

Danger for Community Workers
(Postal Carriers, Meter Readers, Delivery Personnel, Utility Workers)

Accidentally Stumble Upon a Methamphetamine Site and You Are in Serious Trouble!

WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED:

Methamphetamine is a dangerous drug that exposes everyone to serious health and environmental danger. It is cooked cheaply using household and agricultural chemicals that become highly unstable and very toxic.

Coming across a Methamphetamine lab places you in instant danger. Toxic gases, unstable/explosive chemicals, and chemical fires can result in burns, collapsed lungs, and other injuries associated with contamination and explosions without warning.

In addition, Methamphetamine scenes are considered toxic waste sites and can cause serious environmental damage to soil, ground water, drinking water, and buildings and structures, quickly contaminating anyone that comes in contact.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHILE ON THE JOB:

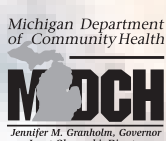
- Strong chemical odors
- Suspicious chemical spills
- Discarded Methamphetamine cooking paraphernalia like large quantities of empty aerosol cans containing engine starting fluid, cold medicine packages, plastic bottles with hoses, lithium batteries, and small coolers.

HOW DO I REPORT METHAMPHETAMINE ACTIVITY?

Not only do Methamphetamine sites place you in personal health danger; individuals associated with Methamphetamine are often armed and dangerous. If you come across Methamphetamine activities STOP — DO NOT ENTER THE PROPERTY. IMMEDIATELY call 911, your local law enforcement agency, or your supervisor. Advise the dispatcher that you believe the activity is associated with Methamphetamine (this will allow the dispatcher to warn and prepare responders for pending danger), then wait for the authorities. You can also call the Michigan Methamphetamine Hotline at:

1-866-METH-TIP

Your Safety and Health Depends on It.



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